

WED., MARCH 19, 1936

FACING MURDER CHARGE, PLEADS DEFENSE OF HOME

JACKSON, Tenn., March 19. (Sp.)—“I killed him because he ruined my home,” was the statement made last night by a News-Scimitar representative by Homer Puckett, 30, farmer of the Twelfth civil district of this county, who was lodged in jail for the alleged murder of W. S. Ross, another farmer of that vicinity of about the same age. The killing occurred Thursday morning at 9 o'clock at the Puckett home, and the slayer immediately surrendered himself to Deputy Sheriff Sid Brinson, who arrived in Jackson with the prisoner late in the afternoon. A warrant charging murder was sworn out before Justice J. T. Rushing and Puckett was committed to jail without bond to await his trial before that magistrate Saturday morning.

Both of the men were farmers of the Twelfth district, living within four hundred yards of each other. It is alleged that Ross came to Puckett's home Thursday morning and when questioned by Puckett as to his motives in coming there, he stated that he was accused, attempted to assault Puckett's wife, whereupon Puckett intervened and was knocked to the floor by Ross. When Puckett arose to his feet, Ross drew a knife, it is alleged, and cut several gashes about Puckett's throat. Puckett then secured his pistol from a table in the room and fired three or four shots, he stated, hitting Ross in the forehead between the eyes.

INDUSTRIAL HOME BUYS ITS BUILDING

The Industrial Settlement Home, a community center and day nursery for negroes, has bought the building at 366 South Driver street, in which the home has been conducted for the past five years.

It is managed by a board of trustees which includes a number of leading negroes of the city and since its organization five years ago Bessie W. Simon has been at its head.

A number of industrial classes for negro girls and boys are conducted, in addition to the community center work among parents and others.

FIFTY-FOUR HEAD OF CATTLE BRING \$27,260

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., March 19.—Fifty-four head of registered Aberdeen-Angus cattle were sold Thursday at Maryville for \$27,260, an average of \$504.81 per head. All were Tennessee bred cattle.

ONE STOLEN; ONE FOUND.

Enlisted under the banner of Edward Payson Watson, champion walker, Friday, was B. Wolf, 1155 Vance avenue. His Hudson automobile was stolen on Thursday night.

Necessity for Mrs. S. Ludman, 1717 Carr avenue, to join the ranks of the pedestrians was removed when police-men found her stolen Oakland.



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Mrs. Claire McKinney Injured While Protecting Child.

Mother love came close to costing Mrs. Claire McKinney her life Thursday night.

Mrs. McKinney spied her little child crossing the street, while a street car was approaching near their home at 1448 S. Lauderdale street. She sped into the street to save the child. The car missed the infant, but struck the mother, knocking her to the pavement. A passing motorist took Mrs. McKinney to the general hospital. Examination disclosed only deep lacerations of the scalp, severe bruises and shock. Her injuries are not considered serious.

TO ERECT \$300,000 METHODIST CHURCH

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., March 19. (Sp.)—Centenary M. E. church, South, is assured of a new house of worship. Yesterday was the closing day for a drive for \$300,000 as a building fund. The drive lasted three days, and a total of something like \$240,000 was subscribed. In addition to this the old church can be sold for \$50,000 or more, and besides the church owns a valuable lot on McCalla avenue, part of which will not be used for the building, hence can be sold, realizing more than the amount asked for in the drive.

Quaffs Lotion, But Soon Begs For Bed In Local Hospital

Perhaps Fred Zimmerman is a horticulturalist and thought Ed Pinaud's liniment water would replace fragrant “Four Roses,” now outlawed. If Fred ever had such a thought, it is banished now.

He quaffed the liniment Thursday night. Friday morning, pale and shaking as though he had a chill, he begged officials to be sent to a hospital from his cell in the city prison. He was sent.

Fred is a painter by trade, aged 33, and gave his address when arrested on a drunk charge as Braun's hotel, Washington and Main.

COVINGTON PASTOR GETS CHARGE IN MISSOURI

COVINGTON, Tenn., March 19. (Sp.)—Rev. J. E. Miller and wife have left for their new home in Caruthersville, Mo., where Rev. Miller has accepted the pastorate of the Holston and Brethren churches in that vicinity.

BOY BANDITS CAUGHT.

CISCO, Tex., March 19.—Roy C. Brown, 17, and George W. Criss, 19, captured following a daylight holdup of the Bank of Necessity, were sentenced to seven years' imprisonment at Breckinridge today, according to advices received here. When captured, the boys had \$2,396 of the money they had taken from the bank.

OBION PRESBYTERY TO MEET AT TROY

UNION CITY, Tenn., March 19. (Sp.)—The Obion presbytery of the Cumberland church will meet in regular annual session at Troy, 10 miles southwest of this place, next Tuesday.

The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. J. N. Hyman, the retiring moderator. This is one of the largest presbyteries in the denomination, having 15 its bounds more than 50 churches.

Much business of importance is to come before this meeting, including the election of commissioners to the annual meeting of the general assembly in May next, at McKenna, Tenn. This body is entitled to two ministerial delegates and two on the part of the laity.

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